



REMARKS

The drawings stand objected to because a feature required in claim 8 is supposedly not shown in the drawings. Applicants have cancelled claim 8 rendering the drawing objection moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The disclosure stands objected to because of an informality noted in the Office Action. In response, Applicants have amended the specification as per the Examiner's helpful suggestion. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding objection to the disclosure be withdrawn.

Claims 1-34 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) over Schoepke et al. In response, Applicants have attached a Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132 that is signed by all six (6) inventors of the present application. The Declaration verifies that any subject matter disclosed in the cited reference, but claimed in the present application was invented by the present inventors. Thus, the cited reference is not prior art against the present application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that all of the outstanding §102(e) rejections be withdrawn.

Also attached is a petition fee and a Request for an Extension of Time. The Director is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any over payment to deposit account number 500226.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance of claims 1-7 and 9-34. However, if the Examiner believes that some minor additional clarification would put this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (812) 333-5355.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MB3LX".

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